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REMARKS

In response to the telephonic interview with Examiner Goldberg conducted on October 20, 2003, Applicants submit herein a second supplemental amendment to the present claims. In accordance to this second supplemental amendment, claim 21 is further amended to recite that during step a) the fungal nucleic acid is amplified with "polymerase chain reaction using a primer set consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1 and 2". No new matter is introduced by the amendment, and entry of which is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herewith, it is respectfully requested that all pending claims, claims 2-5 and 20-27, be allowed and that this application be passed to issue. In the event the Examiner is not persuaded as to the allowability of any claim, and it appears that any issues outstanding may be resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the phone number given below.

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